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ERDA PASS TO N. SIEVERING, AIA AND L. HERWIG, DSE

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS IN THE EEC

1. DURING ERDA REP. PURPLE'S CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, DR. HERWIG ASKED FOR AVAILABLE DATA ON EC COUNTRY SOLAR ENERGY BUDGETS. MISSION CONTACTED DR. ALBERT STRUB, DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR ENERGY RESEARCH, EEC, FOR THIS INFORMATION. DR. STRUB ESTIMATES THAT THERE IS ABOUT A \$20 MILLION YEARLY INVESTMENT IN NATIONALLY-SPONSORED SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: FRANCE, BY FAR THE BIGGEST SPENDER, CURRENTLY SPENDS ABOUT \$11 MILLION A YEAR ON SOLAR R&D. STRUB ESTIMATES THE LARGEST SHARE IS GOING INTO SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING FOR HOUSES FOLLOWED BY PHOTOVOLTAICS. WEST GERMANY SPENDS SOME \$5.5 MILLION YEARLY ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR SOLAR R&D, MAINLY ON SOLAR HEATING. NEXT COMES THE U.K., SPENDING \$2 MILLION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEATING AND COOLING R&D, PLUS SOME VOLTAICS WORK. THE ITALIAN PROGRAM, FUNDING AND COORDINATION AND IS MAINLY LIMITED TO UNIVERSITY TYPE RESEARCH, OR INDUSTRIAL, PROPRIETARY DEVELOPMENT. THE REMAINING EC MEMBERS, ACCORDING TO STRUB, DID NOT HAVE PROGRAMS LARGE ENOUGH

TO MEMTION.

- 2. THE EC SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE EC COMMISSION, FOR 1975-1979 IS ABOUT \$19 MILLION, ROUGHLY \$5 MILLION PER YEAR. A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRESS REPORT ON THIS PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION THIS SUMMER. MISSION WILL REPORT RESULTS.
- 3. MISSION OBTAINED FROM STRUB A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE FRENCH SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM WHICH POST IS MAILING SEPARATELY.HINTON

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